

HB 276

RESOLUTION 2008 - 20

INMATE MEDICAL CARE

It is the intent of the Montana Association of Counties to oppose any legislation changing the statutes for inmate medical care.

WHEREAS, Counties with detention facilities have borne increased costs in the medical care of inmates; and

WHEREAS, medical costs have risen dramatically; and

WHEREAS, county public safety budgets have not increased at the same rate as medical costs; and

WHEREAS, any change to the definition of inmate in a county detention facility would put a huge burden on a county's public safety budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montana Association of Counties opposes any legislation to make changes in inmate care statutes.

SPONSOR: District 6 & 7

RECOMMENDATION: Do Pass

PRIORITY: High

REFERRED TO: Health & Human Services Committee
Justice & Public Safety Committee

ADOPTED: Annual Conference, Hamilton, MT September 24, 2008